

## Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, Justice

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### Subpart A—Introduction

#### § 478.1 Scope of regulations.

(a) *General.* The regulations contained in this part relate to commerce in firearms and ammunition and are promulgated to implement Title I, State Firearms Control Assistance (18 U.S.C. Chapter 44), of the Gun Control Act of 1968 (82 Stat. 1213) as amended by Pub. L. 99–308 (100 Stat. 449), Pub. L. 99–360 (100 Stat. 766), Pub. L. 99–408 (100 Stat. 920), Pub. L. 103–159 (107 Stat. 1536), Pub. L. 103–322 (108 Stat. 1796), Pub. L. 104–208 (110 Stat. 3009), and Pub. L. 105–277 (112 Stat. 2681).

(b) *Procedural and substantive requirements.* This part contains the procedural and substantive requirements relative to:

- (1) The interstate or foreign commerce in firearms and ammunition;
- (2) The licensing of manufacturers and importers of firearms and ammunition, collectors of firearms, and dealers in firearms;
- (3) The conduct of business or activity by licensees;
- (4) The importation of firearms and ammunition;
- (5) The records and reports required of licensees;
- (6) Relief from disabilities under this part;
- (7) Exempt interstate and foreign commerce in firearms and ammunition; and
- (8) Restrictions on armor piercing ammunition.

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#### § 478.2 Relation to other provisions of law.

The provisions in this part are in addition to, and are not in lieu of, any other provision of law, or regulations, respecting commerce in firearms or ammunition. For regulations applicable to traffic in machine guns, destructive devices, and certain other firearms, see Part 479 of this chapter. For statutes applicable to the registration and licensing of persons engaged in the business of manufacturing, importing or exporting arms, ammunition, or implements of war, see section 38 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2778) and regulations thereunder and Part 447 of this chapter. For statutes applicable to nonmailable firearms, see 18 U.S.C. 1715 and regulations thereunder.

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### Subpart B—Definitions

#### § 478.11 Meaning of terms.

When used in this part and in forms prescribed under this part, where not otherwise distinctly expressed or manifestly incompatible with the intent thereof, terms shall have the meanings ascribed in this section. Words in the plural form shall include the singular,